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SUBJ: MOUNTAIN CLIMBER FRITZ STAMBERGER

EF: STATE 272004 AND PREVIOUS

1. AS REQUESTED BY OFFICES OF SENATOR HART AND KENNEDY EMBASSY HAS BEEN WORKING WITH COLORADANS DUNAWAY AND VICENZ IN EFFORT TO LOCATE CLIMBER FRITZ STAMBERGER. DUNAWAY AND VICENZ WERE ACCOMPANIED TO CHITRAL AND TO BASE OF MT. TIRICH MIR BY PESHAWAR POLITICAL LOCAL. THEY FOUND DEFINATE EVIDENCE THAT STAMBERGER WAS THERE. HE HAD LEFT A BAG CONTAINING BOOKS AND PAPERS IN A VILLAGE AT THE BASE OF THE MOUNTAIN, VILLAGERS UNANIMOUSLY

CONFIRMED THAT A SINGLE CLIMBER HAD BEGUN THE ASCENT OF THE MOUNTAIN, BUT NONE SAW ANYONE RETURN, DUNAWAY AND VICENZ EVEN SAID THEY FOUND FOOTPRINTS IN OLD SNOW WHICH WOULD MOST PROBABLY BE STAMBERGERS SINCE THEY WERE ABOVE THE POINT WHERE ANY VILLAGERS WOULD NORMALLY CLIMB.

2. DUNAWAY AND VICENZ BELIEVE THAT STAMBERGER IS MOST LIKELY DEAD, BUT THEY FEEL THERE IS A VERY SLIM CHANCE THAT HE MAY BE ALIVE GIVEN HIS EXCELLENT PHYSICAL CONDITION AND PAST MOUNTAINEERING EXPERIENCE.

3. EMBASSY HAS BEEN ASSISTING THEM IN TRYING TO FIND AN
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AIRCRAFT IN PAKISTAN SUITABLE FOR HIGH-ALTITUDE

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